

November 6, 1979

CRAWFORD COUNTY - (Robinson) - Briggs Manufacturing Company
Compliance Evaluation

J. T. Warren, Plant Manager
Briggs Manufacturing Company
1000 West Pine Street
Robinson, IL 62454

Dear Mr. Warren:

On October 16, 1979, Joseph A. Koronkowski, representing this Agency, conducted an inspection of your wastewater treatment facility. John Moore was contacted at the time of the visit. Based on this inspection and a review of our files, the following apparent violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (the Act) and the Illinois Pollution Control Board Rules and Regulations, "Chapter 3: Water Pollution", (Chapter 3) is noted:

1. Your present NPDES Permit does not include the non-contact cooling water discharge into Sugar Creek.

This violation should be corrected as soon as possible by requesting a modification of the present permit. This request along with a completed application for permit Short Form C (copy enclosed) should be forwarded to the Agency, Division of Water Pollution Control, Permit Section, 2200 Churchill Road, Springfield, Illinois, 62706.

It is expected that a modification request will be submitted promptly. Should you have questions, please contact Mr. Koronkowski of this office.

Very truly yours,

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Enclosures

cc: - DWPC/FOS & RU
- DWPC/Permit Section

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K. L. Baumann
Manager, Region 4
DWPC/FOS



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 16, 1979

TO: DWPC/FOS & RU

FROM: Joe Koronkowski, DWPC/FOS, Region 4 *JK*

SUBJECT: CRAWFORD COUNTY - Briggs Manufacturing Company
Wastewater Treatment Facilities
Reconnaissance Visit

On the above date, I made a reconnaissance visit of the subject treatment facilities. During the visit, John Moore and Alrex Parkhill, certified industrial operator, were interviewed.

The facility consists of two settling basins and two sludge lagoons. This facility handles industrial waste only; all domestic waste goes to the city. The waste comes from ceramic bathroom fixtures and is collected throughout the plant by approximately a dozen catch basins. The water is then pumped to the settling basins. The basins are alternately filled. Then the sludge is settled out and pumped into a lagoon while the treated water is discharged into Sugar Creek. Samples of the effluent are taken by an automatic sampler. At the time of the visit, everything appeared to be in order. I asked Moore if there had been any problems, and he said no. Moore gave me a tour of the plant from start to finish, and there appeared to be no violations with possibly one exception: they use city water to cool their compressors. This noncontact cooling water is then discharged into Sugar Creek without a permit. Moore said he did not think a permit was necessary because they are using "clean" city water; however, they are polluting it with heat. I told him that they probably needed a permit and would get back with him when I found out for sure.

JK:bh
10/23/79

cc: - Region 4 Files